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Parents Forum

by Priscilla Tremblay, Editor

pages", boundaries and soar into new worlds. As the pigs boldly enter new stories, make friends, and ultimately control their own fate, witty dialogue and physical humor make this a selection that will have youngsters squealing with delight!

Three Caldecott Honor Books

"Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,"
illustrated by Bryan Collier,
written by Doreen Rappaport

From the smiling, inviting image on the cover to each striking double spread, Collier's illustrations in "Martin's Big Words" portray significant events evoking King's purpose and saying, "His big words are alive for us today!"

"The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins: An Illuminating History of Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins, Artist and Lecturer"

Illustrated by Brian Selznick, A
RISD Alumni

Written by Barbara Kerley

Using a rich palette, theatrical staging and monumental dimensions, Selznick creates an exquisite balance between illustration and design in this distinguished marriage of science and art in "The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins."

"The Stray Dog", illustrated and written by Marc Simont

We don't have to be told how wrenching it is for the kids to leave Willy behind, we see their small outstretched arms out the car window and the puppy watching them go.

The next Saturday, the family is completely preoccupied with the possibility of sighting another Willy sighting. Young readers will adore this simple tale of puppy love, but adults will be equally charmed.



The 2002 Caldecott Medal Winner!

Considered the "Academy Awards" of children's book publishing, the Caldecott Medal honors outstanding illustration in a work published in the United States during the previous year.

Named in honor of 19th Century English illustrator, **Randolph Caldecott**, the Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the **Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association**. The 2002 winner of the most distinguished American picture book for children is:

"The Three Pigs"
by David Wiesner
A RISD Alumni!



The plot of a familiar folk story unravels as the pigs are huffed and puffed off the page and into a new world. The trio travels through scenes from nursery rhyme to fairy tale, liberating other characters on the fly.

Wiesner uses many artistic styles to play with the structure of traditional storytelling, redefining the picture book as "Pigs burst through the



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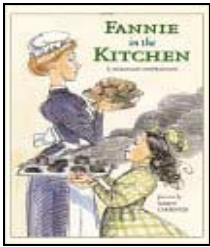
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Mother Goose Is Now
Online at:

www.lori.state.ri.us/youthserv/mgoose

Book Corner



Fannie in the Kitchen

by Deborah Hopkinson

Prepared to perfection and served up with style, this historical nugget imagines an interlude in the life of cookbook pioneer Fannie Farmer. Before her stint at the Boston Cooking School, she worked as a mother's helper.

As we are starting **You Can Count on Mother Goose** sessions in several sites throughout RI, this book is a welcome addition to any parent's shelf. Parent and child discovering together, once again the fun we have each day doing math! The included pancake recipe is simply icing on the (griddle) cake. **Ages 4-9.**



Waiting for Wings

by Lois Ehlert

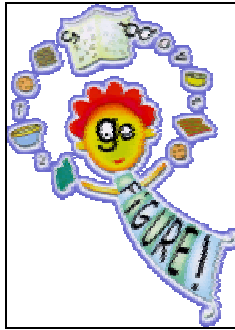
This book is a seriously breathtaking celebration of butterfly metamorphosis. As the gentle rhyme unfolds, we turn the small, partial pages that form the larger spread of fabulous foliage in this lush, oversized book.

Before our eyes, the eggs turn to caterpillars, caterpillars to cases, cases to lovely butterflies. The colors become increasingly dazzling, each butterfly springing to life.

Background material conclude the book, A "Butterfly Information" page labels butterfly anatomy "Flower Identification" page showcases butterfly-attracting flowers last page offers a few pointers on growing a butterfly garden.

(Ages 3 to 6)

Amazing Library



Interactive

Traveling Math Exhibit

<http://www.ala.org/publicprograms/gofigure/>

2/28/02 to 4/11/02

Providence Public Library

Washington Street

(401) 455-8042

Inspired by familiar children's books and characters, math comes alive for 3-7 year old children and their parents!

Share with your children the joys of learning early math concepts, such as shapes patterns and sizes.

One of the featured books from **Mother Goose Asks "Why?"** to bring along is **The Doorbell Rang!**

The exhibition includes representations from many children's books, including *Arthur's Pet Business* by Marc Brown, *The Quilt* by Ann Jonas, *Frog and Toad are Friends*; *A Lost Button* by Arnold Lobel, and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* illustrated by James Marshall.

Exhibit text is in both English and Spanish.



Calendar of Events

"Music of Many Voices"

February 23, 2002

11:00am to 4pm

RISD Family

"Free for All"

Celebrate work by African American artists and create your own in poster and mural workshops.

Clap and sing along to the rhythms of jazz and blues. Members of **Rhode Island Black Storytellers** give vibrant voice to the black experience

All ages experience art through music, dance, storytelling, film, artist demonstrations, art projects, family-led tours, and children's exhibitions.

Activities are repeated throughout the day — stop by for an hour or for the whole time. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Marianne Ruggerio for more information & registration at: (401) 454-6674

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